

One in Five Parents Ask For Grades for Students

About one-fifth of the parents of 3188 seventh and eighth graders in Torrance schools have requested letter grades this year, according to a report to the Board of Education Tuesday night.

written reports on a child's progress in addition to holding conferences with each student's parents.

Grades are issued to parents of seventh and eighth graders, if the parents request them.

The number of parents requesting letter grades varied considerably from school to school. At three schools a majority of parents requested ABC grades. At one school, no parent asked for them.

LUTHERAN TOPIC

The Jan. 11 sermon topic chosen by Pastor Marvin Rygh of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is "What All Are Looking For," taken from Romans 12: 1-3.

BANK EMPLOYEES CITED FOR GENEROUS GIFTS

California Bank employees in Torrance have pledged to contribute close to \$750 to the support of Torrance health and community welfare charitable organizations during the coming year as a result of the recently concluded AID-United Givers membership enrollment drive at the Bank.

The figure was revealed in a message of commendation sent to the Bank's employees by Charles E. Ducommun, president of the local givers association.

DUCOMMUN NOTED that the pledge represents the equivalent of 12 minutes pay per week from 84 per cent of the firm's work force, "an exceptional display of generous, united giving," his message

Ducommun in his message paid tribute to A. O. Otsea, vice president and manager and chief executive of the local branch. "Otsea's encouragement of the AID payroll deduction plan for charitable giving among his employees and his personal endorsement of the AID idea was a large factor in the drive's success," Ducommun commented.

AS A RESULT OF the drive no further charitable solicitations will be held among the bank employees. An identifying home window sticker, issued to all AID members, will provide immunity from residence solicitation.

Ducommun noted that the charities to share in the undesignated contribution of Cal-

INTEREST PAID

More than 66,000 American Savings accountholders will this week receive interest payments totaling over \$1,327,000, reports Edward L. Johnson, vice president and managing officer.

Quarterly interest payments paid to American Savers during 1958 will amount to more than \$5 million, Johnson said, explaining that interest rates have remained at 4% throughout the year, with all indications pointing to a continuance of this high rate in 1959.

California Bank employees in the Torrance area are: American Cancer Society, American National Red Cross, Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation, City of Hope, Crippled Children's Society, Heart Assn., National Multiple Sclerosis Society, United Cerebral Palsy Assn., and the Community Chest.

Narbonne Group To Select Name

A permanent name for the group known as the Narbonne Area Coordinating Council will be selected at a meeting to be held tonight at the Narbonne High School multi-purpose building at 7:30 o'clock.

Reports by committees appointed at the December meeting will cover public transportation needs, plans for additional recreational facilities, fine art opportunities for the area, and student safety plans.

The Art Corner

Understanding and appreciation of art comes easier with a knowledge and familiarity of the means used by the artist to express himself. The tools at the artist's disposal are varied. Their choice by the artist usually depends upon the idea he is trying to get across. Some artists are more at ease handling one media over another, seeming to have a natural affinity for the type they choose.

Oil painting is the first thing that comes to mind when most people discuss art and paintings. Traditionally, oil paintings had a slick, smooth surface. Contemporary painters, however, make use of the variability of treatment that is possible with oil painting. They use painting knives, all sorts of brushes, even spatter the paint or dribble it, thick or thin. Experimentation of all the possible ways of using this medium are not yet exhausted.

A FLUID, BRILLIANT effect is usually obtained with the use of water color. Traditionally, water colors were used in transparent washes of color, for quick rendering of scenes or atmospheric effects. Again the contemporary painter is breaking tradition in the use of this medium too.

At times, water colors are used in the traditional transparent washes, but at other times white is mixed with the colors making them opaque, or the paint is used very thickly with almost oil-like results.

Or, other materials may be used together, water color and ink; pastel and water color; ink and crayon; any combination the artist can think of that will work together. Collage! The artist even pastes or glues cloth or paper, twine, sandpaper, anything to his canvas or paper!

CASEIN, a water soluble paint, has recently become widely used. It can be used transparently as water colors are used, or opaquely as oil colors are worked with. These three principal painting media are used by all our contemporary painters, each in their own ways. Experimentation seems to be the keynote of the painters today, who are more interested in the "how" than the "what". Nevertheless, some idea, or thing, or place, provide the spark that starts the artist working.

What the viewer gains from seeing this painting depends on what the artist puts into it. When the artist has a thorough command of the material he is working with, because he has freely experimented with it, and knows what he is doing, he can say much more than he could in the past.

Many artists are so involved in this experimentation, however, that the "what" is lost.

When the intent of the artist is shallow, the painting is shallow.

However, a keen interest in all art that is exhibited is rewarding. Look at the artwork in our local galleries to see how many different kinds of painting can be recognized, the many ways the artist has experimented; and if the artist had anything to say, how well he said it.

TORRANCE-SOUTH BAY AREA ART CALENDAR

Jan. 1-31—Bette Seidler, Manhattan Beach Library, 425 - 15th St., Manhattan Beach;

Jan. 1-31—Group Show, Hickson's Gallery, 314 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach;

Jan. 1-31—Group Show, King's Art Shop, 637 N. Sepulveda, El Segundo;

Jan. 1-31—Rembrandt Crew, Black and White Show, Security - First National Bank, 22 Malaga Cove, Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates;

Jan. 10 - Feb. 6—Robert Hansen, Isaura d'la Rosa, Lighthouse Gallery of Modern Art, 30 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach;

Jan. 10 - Feb. 9—Grace Tingey, Bay Cities Paint, 109 Emerald St., Redondo Beach;

Jan. 11 - Feb. 5—Wayne La Com, James Couper - Wright, Palos Verdes Community Art Assn., 2400 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates;

Jan. 1 - 16—Vicki Feldon, Redond Beach Library, City Park, Redondo Beach;

Jan. 16 - Feb. 6—Collage and Sculpture Exhibition, Exodus Plus Gallery, 235 W. 6th St., San Pedro;

January 16—"Golden Dream." Japanese film, Los Angeles County Museum art film circuit showing, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Free admission. Old City Hall, Cravens and El Prado, Torrance. Sponsored by Torrance Recreation Dept. and Torrance Art Group;

Jan. 1 - 18—Kin-ya-onny-Beyeh, Navaio artist, Open Gallery, 335 Culver Rd., Playa del Rey;

Jan. 19 - Feb. 13—South Bay Printmakers, Redondo Beach Library, City Park, Redondo Beach;

Jan. 24 - Feb. 8—Vicki Feldon, Open Gallery, 335 Culver Rd., Playa del Rey.

TEAC TO MEET
The January meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 12, at the YWCA building.

GARDENERS CHECKLIST

1. Looking for fragrance? You'll find it this month with Daphne or Sweet Olive. Both can and should be planted now.
2. When planting fruit trees, make sure to check on the pollinating needs of the variety you plant. Some need a nearby tree of another variety to be fruitful.
3. Watch roses for signs that buds are beginning to swell. When they do, sharpen the pruning shears and go to work.
4. Cyclamen still offer the gardener some quick color for the winter garden. Simply sink pot and all in the ground.
5. Summer-flowering bulbs begin to make their appearance at nurseries this month. Watch for Tigrida and Watsonia. Cannas can wait another six weeks or so.



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